

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

Exhibit A to Registration Statement**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**

INSTRUCTIONS. Furnish this exhibit for EACH foreign principal listed in an initial statement and for EACH additional foreign principal acquired subsequently. The filing of this document requires the payment of a filing fee as set forth in Rule (d)(1), 28 C.F.R. § 5.5(d)(1). Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit A form at <https://www.fara.gov>.

Privacy Act Statement. The filing of this document is required by the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, for the purposes of registration under the Act and public disclosure. Provision of the information requested is mandatory, and failure to provide this information is subject to the penalty and enforcement provisions established in Section 8 of the Act. Every registration statement, short form registration statement, supplemental statement, exhibit, amendment, copy of informational materials or other document or information filed with the Attorney General under this Act is a public record open to public examination, inspection and copying during the posted business hours of the Registration Unit in Washington, DC. Statements are also available online at the Registration Unit's webpage: <https://www.fara.gov>. One copy of every such document, other than informational materials, is automatically provided to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, and copies of any and all documents are routinely made available to other agencies, departments and Congress pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act. The Attorney General also transmits a semi-annual report to Congress on the administration of the Act which lists the names of all agents registered under the Act and the foreign principals they represent. This report is available to the public in print and online at: <https://www.fara.gov>.

Public Reporting Burden. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .49 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Chief, Registration Unit, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Name and Address of Registrant The Livingston Group, LLC 499 S. Capitol Street, SW, Suite 600 Washington, DC 20003	2. Registration No. #6344
3. Name of Foreign Principal Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo, through Mer Security and Communication Systems Ltd. (FARA registration #6423)	4. Principal Address of Foreign Principal Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo

5. Indicate whether your foreign principal is one of the following:

- ☒ Government of a foreign country¹
☐ Foreign political party
☐ Foreign or domestic organization: If either, check one of the following:
 ☐ Partnership ☐ Committee
 ☐ Corporation ☐ Voluntary group
 ☐ Association ☐ Other (specify) _____
☐ Individual-State nationality _____

6. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state:

a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

b) Name and title of official with whom registrant deals

H.E. Raymond Tshibanda, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, currently Special Envoy to the United States

7. If the foreign principal is a foreign political party, state:

a) Principal address

b) Name and title of official with whom registrant deals

c) Principal aim

¹ "Government of a foreign country," as defined in Section 1(e) of the Act, includes any person or group of persons exercising sovereign de facto or de jure political jurisdiction over any country, other than the United States, or over any part of such country, and includes any subdivision of any such group and any group or agency to which such sovereign de facto or de jure authority or functions are directly or indirectly delegated. Such term shall include any faction or body of insurgents within a country assuming to exercise governmental authority whether such faction or body of insurgents has or has not been recognized by the United States.

8. If the foreign principal is not a foreign government or a foreign political party:

a) State the nature of the business or activity of this foreign principal.

b) Is this foreign principal:

Supervised by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

Owned by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

Directed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

Controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

Financed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

Subsidized in part by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

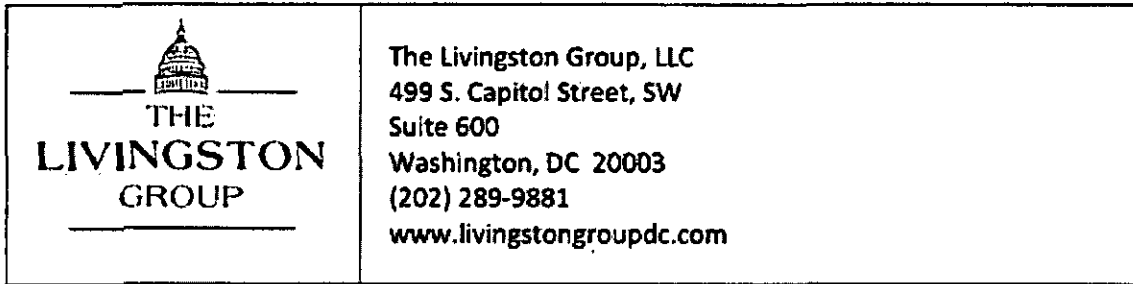
9. Explain fully all items answered "Yes" in Item 8(b). (If additional space is needed, a full insert page must be used.)

10. If the foreign principal is an organization and is not owned or controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party or other foreign principal, state who owns and controls it.

EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this Exhibit A to the registration statement and that he/she is familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Date of Exhibit A	Name and Title	Signature
July 27, 2017	J. Allen Martin	/s/ J. Allen Martin
		eSigned



July 15, 2017

Mr. Omer Laviv
Chief Executive Officer
Mer Security and Communications Systems, Ltd.
5 Hatzoref Street
Holon, Israel

Dear Mr. Laviv:

Pursuant to the discussions we have had to date, we are submitting for your approval terms of a working agreement between Mer Security and Communications Systems, Ltd. ("MER") and The Livingston Group, LLC ("TLG"). The terms of the agreement are as follows:

- This agreement will extend over a three (3) month period beginning July 15, 2017 and terminating October 14, 2017. It may be renewed for an additional period thereafter, upon mutual agreement of both parties in advance of the termination date. This agreement, during its term, may be terminated with or without cause at any time by either party, after thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.
- TLG agrees to provide MER with government affairs representation and lobbying service before the federal government as well as any other matters mutually agreed upon, on behalf of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo ("DRC").
- MER agrees to pay TLG \$60,000 USD per month plus normal out of pocket expenses (e.g. couriers, deliveries, and printing over \$100 USD per month) for the contract period. Any additional large expenses (e.g. for domestic and international travel outside of Washington, DC) shall be pre-approved and billed separately. The retainer fee in the amount of \$60,000 USD per month is required at the time of the signature of this agreement. Thereafter, TLG shall submit a monthly invoice for itemized expenses to you or your designated representative. Such invoices are payable within thirty (30) days. In the event this agreement is terminated prior to the end of its term, any retainer fees paid to TLG by MER that exceed the pro-rata share of fees apportioned on a daily basis, up to and including the date thirty (30) days after notice of termination has been provided as described herein, shall be refunded by TLG to MER. Balances over 60 days are subject to finance charge of 1 percent per month. MER shall make no retainer or other payments to TLG from federally appropriated funds or other funds from restricted or prohibited sources.

- Nothing herein shall be construed as preventing TLG from complying with applicable disclosure statutes, including the Lobby Disclosure Act and the Foreign Agents Registration Act.
- TLG agrees to abide by every applicable law or regulation covering government contracts for lobbying during the implementation of this agreement. TLG is an independent contractor, and, as such, has no authority to bind MER in any manner whatsoever, absent the express written consent of MER. TLG shall be solely responsible for the acts of its employees and/or agents and shall defend and hold MER harmless from any claims which arise from said acts. TLG shall be responsible for notifying MER of any potential conflicts between its representation of MER and any other party.
- As is true with all government relations services, we cannot and do not guarantee the results of our representation. We make no express warranties concerning this transaction, and disclaim any implied warranties concerning it.
- MER is not authorized to bind TLG in any matter whatsoever, absent the express written consent of TLG. MER shall be solely responsible for the acts of its employees and/or agents and shall defend and hold TLG harmless from any claims which arise from said acts.
- The parties agree that this agreement shall be governed by the laws of the District of Columbia without reference to the principles of the conflicts of laws thereof. All disputes arising out of this agreement shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the courts of the District of Columbia (or if there is a federal jurisdiction, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia) and the parties consent to the personal jurisdiction and exclusive jurisdiction and venue of these courts.

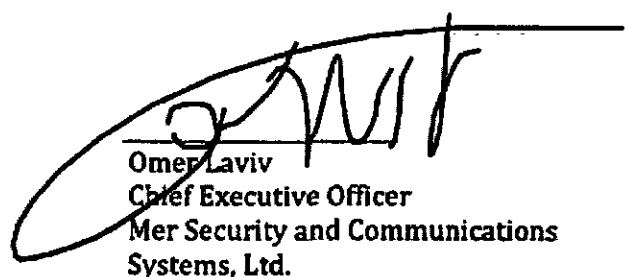
I trust this accurately reflects the discussion we had. If you agree, please sign below and return one original to me.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Livingston
Founding Partner
The Livingston Group, LLC

Agreed to and accepted by:



Omer Laviv
Chief Executive Officer
Mer Security and Communications
Systems, Ltd.

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Exhibit B to Registration Statement**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**

INSTRUCTIONS. A registrant must furnish as an Exhibit B copies of each written agreement and the terms and conditions of each oral agreement with his foreign principal, including all modifications of such agreements; or, where no contract exists, a full statement of all the circumstances by reason of which the registrant is acting as an agent of a foreign principal. Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit B form at <https://www.fara.gov>.

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The Livingston Group, LLC

2. Registration No.

#6344

3. Name of Foreign Principal

Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo, through Mer Security and Communication Systems Ltd. (FARA registration #6423)

Check Appropriate Box:

4. ☒ The agreement between the registrant and the above-named foreign principal is a formal written contract. If this box is checked, attach a copy of the contract to this exhibit.
5. ☐ There is no formal written contract between the registrant and the foreign principal. The agreement with the above-named foreign principal has resulted from an exchange of correspondence. If this box is checked, attach a copy of all pertinent correspondence, including a copy of any initial proposal which has been adopted by reference in such correspondence.
6. ☐ The agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal is the result of neither a formal written contract nor an exchange of correspondence between the parties. If this box is checked, give a complete description below of the terms and conditions of the oral agreement or understanding, its duration, the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.
7. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.

The Livingston Group, LLC has been retained by Mer Security and Communication Systems Ltd. (FARA registration #6423) on behalf of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

8. Describe fully the activities the registrant engages in or proposes to engage in on behalf of the above foreign principal.

Research and analyze issues of concern to the foreign principal (Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo); counsel the foreign principal on U.S. policies of concern, activities in Congress and the Executive branch, and developments on the U.S. political scene generally; and maintain contact, as necessary, with Members of Congress and their staff, Executive branch officials, and non-government organizations.

9. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act and in the footnote below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose.


All of the activities listed in Item 8 will be undertaken in order to communicate information to the foreign principal (Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo), as well as to communicate information about the foreign principal and its issues of concern to interested persons in both the public and private sectors. At the request of the foreign principal, meetings with Members of Congress and their staff, as well as with Executive branch officials, and non-government organizations may be arranged.

EXECUTION

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Date of Exhibit B	Name and Title	Signature
July 26, 2017	J. Allen Martin, Managing partner	/s/ J. Allen Martin eSigned

Footnote: "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity which the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

	<p>The Livingston Group, LLC 499 S. Capitol Street, SW Suite 600 Washington, DC 20003 (202) 289-9881 www.livingstongroupdc.com</p>
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I trust this accurately reflects the discussion we had. If you agree, please sign below and return one original to me.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Livingston
Founding Partner

Agreed to and accepted by:
